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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

REF: (A) BERLIN 5579 (B) BERLIN 5670

1. A SUB-GROUP OF EIGHT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (ECPC) HAS BEEN MEETING IN EAST BERLIN SINCE MAY 12 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GDR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER PAUL MARKOWSKI. THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THIS MEETING IN THE PRESS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT REPRESENTED, BUT A YUGOSLAV
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SOURCE HERE HAS EMPHASIZED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT

YUGOSLAVIA " IS NOT OUT OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE."

3. DISCUSSION, WE UNDERSTAND, CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE DOCUMENTS OF A BINDING NATURE TO INTERPRET THE OUTCOME OF CSCE (REFA). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A HEATED DEBATE OF THE ROLE OF THE PORTUGUESE CP PRIOR TO AND DURING THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL.

4. COMMENT: SOME SIGN OF COMING FLEXIBILITY AMONG "ORTHODOX" CP'S WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF DIVERSITY MAY HAVE BEEN FORECAST BY SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AXEN, WHO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW ON MAY 3 THAT "NATURALLY THE CONCRETE DUTY OF THE (ECPC) CONFERENCE CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TO DETERMINE THE CONCRETE DUTIES OF EACH PARTY. EACH COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTY DOES THIS INDEPENDENTLY UNDER THE HISTORICALLY CONCRETE CONDITIONS OF ITS COUNTRY, WHEREBY EACH, AS A COMMUNIST PARTY, ALLOWS ITSELF TO BE INSPIRED BY THE UNIVERSAL TEACHINGS OF MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN AND BY THE COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCES OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT." REF (B). COOPER

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